

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the title section with paragraph 0001 to read as follows:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

**[0001] Surgical Instrument with Adjustable Tool for Gripping, Holding or Cutting Body Tissue or the Like**

Please amend paragraph 0021 at pages 3-4 of the Substitute Specification to read as follows:

The manner of functioning resulting from this design is also clear with a comparison of Fig. 1 and 2. The two Figures are aligned with one another such that the instrument with its parts 3, 6 and 11 located in the same axial position. According to Fig. 1 the reel 4 in comparison to Fig. 2 is pulled to the right or proximally so that the tool 2 is closed. For opening the tool 2 the reel 4 is displaced distally on the tube 6, and specifically into the position according to Fig. 2 in which the tool 2 is opened. With these procedures the position of the linkage point 11 is maintained while all other joints or linkage points and also the two levers 7 and 8 assume changing positions according to the representations, wherein according to the movement direction of the reel 4 the actuation element 5 is adjusted axially distally or proximally for opening and closing the tool 2.